

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1                   1.       A method of producing a suspicious activity report, comprising:  
2                   storing configuration information at a transaction processing device, wherein  
3                   the configuration information configures the device to produce suspicious activity reports  
4                   based on certain criteria;  
5                   receiving transaction information;  
6                   determining, based on the transaction information and the certain criteria,  
7                   whether a suspicious activity report is to be prepared; and  
8                   generating a suspicious activity report containing at least some of the  
9                   transaction information.

1                   2.       The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting the suspicious  
2                   activity report to authorities.

1                   3.       The method of claim 2, wherein transmitting the suspicious activity  
2                   report to authorities comprises:  
3                   collecting suspicious activity reports at a host computer system; and  
4                   transmitting the collected suspicious activity reports to a computer system of  
5                   the authorities.

1                   4.       The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving additional  
2                   information and including the additional information in the suspicious activity report.

1                   5.       The method of claim 4, wherein generating a suspicious activity report  
2                   comprises:  
3                   printing a suspicious activity report having a portion of the additional  
4                   information and also having blanks for receiving additional suspicious activity report  
5                   information.

1                   6.       The method of claim 1, wherein the certain criteria comprises a  
2                   mandatory SAR threshold.

1                   7.       The method of claim 6, wherein determining whether a suspicious  
2                   activity report is to be prepared comprises comparing an amount of a transaction to the  
3                   mandatory SAR threshold.

1                   8.       The method of claim 1, wherein the certain criteria comprises a SAR  
2     prompt threshold.

1                   9.       The method of claim 8, wherein determining whether a suspicious  
2     activity report is to be prepared comprises comparing an amount of a transaction to the SAR  
3     prompt threshold.

1                   10.      The method of claim 9, wherein determining whether a suspicious  
2     activity report is to be prepared further comprises:  
3                   displaying a prompt that asks an operator if he wants to prepare a suspicious  
4     activity report; and  
5                   receiving a response to the prompt.

1                   11.      The method of claim 1, wherein determining whether a suspicious  
2     activity report is to be prepared comprises determining whether an operator has elected to  
3     produce an on-demand SAR.

1                   12 .     The method of claim 1, further comprising printing a report relating to  
2     suspicious activity reports produced at the transaction processing device during a period of  
3     time.

1                   13.      The method of claim 1, wherein the transaction processing device is  
2     configured to print money orders.

1                   14.      A transaction processing device, comprising:  
2                   an input device arranged to receive transaction information and SAR  
3     information;  
4                   a display screen arranged to display information to an operator; and  
5                   application software that programs the transaction device to:  
6                   store configuration information, wherein the configuration information  
7     configures the device to produce suspicious activity reports based on certain criteria;  
8                   receive transaction information;  
9                   determine based on the transaction information and the certain criteria,  
10    whether a suspicious activity report is to be prepared; and

11 generate a suspicious activity report containing at least some of the  
12 transaction information.

1 15. The transaction processing device of claim 14, wherein the certain  
2 criteria comprises a mandatory SAR threshold.

1 16. The transaction processing device of claim 15, wherein the application  
2 software also programs the transaction device to compare an amount of a transaction to the  
3 mandatory SAR threshold.

1 17. The transaction processing device of claim 14, wherein the certain  
2 criteria comprises a SAR prompt threshold.

1 18. The transaction processing device of claim 17, wherein the application  
2 software also programs the transaction device to compare an amount of a transaction to the  
3 SAR prompt threshold.

1 19. The transaction processing device of claim 18, wherein the application  
2 software further programs the transaction device to:  
3 display a prompt that asks an operator if he wants to prepare a suspicious  
4 activity report; and  
5 receive a response to the prompt.

1 20. The transaction processing device of claim 14, wherein the application  
2 software also programs the transaction device to determine whether an operator has elected to  
3 produce an on-demand SAR.

1 21. The transaction processing device of claim 14, wherein the application  
2 software further programs the transaction device to print a report relating to SARs produced  
3 at the transaction processing device during a period of time.

1 22. The transaction processing device of claim 14, wherein the transaction  
2 processing device is configured to print money orders.